**Dictionary**

**possession**

noun  pos-see-shun  
-3e-shun  -shn  

the condition of having or owning something  
- something that is owned or possessed by someone  
= the crime of having something that is illegal (such as a drug or weapon)

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**Full Definition of POSSESSION**

1 a: the act of having or taking into control  
- a: control or occupancy of property without regard to ownership  
- c: OWNERSHIP  
- d: control of the ball or puck, also: an instance of having such control (as in football) = scored on their first two possessions

2 a: something owned, occupied, or controlled: PROPERTY

3 a: domination by something (as an evil spirit, a passion, or an idea)  
- b: a psychological state in which an individual's normal personality is replaced by another  
- i: SELF-POSSESSION

- pos-see-shun-AL  -3e-shun-AL  -shn-AL  -shn-AL
  adjective

- pos-see-shun-LESS  -3e-shun-LESS  -shn-LESS  -shn-LESS
  adjective

**Examples of POSSESSION**

The city can now possess of the abandoned buildings  
She came into possession of a rare silver coin  
The family lost all of its possessions in the fire  
This ring was my mother's most precious possession  
The defendant was charged with heroin possession

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**First Known Use of POSSESSION**

14th century

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POSSSESSION Defined for Kids

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noun /pəˈsɛz.ən/ (possession) pə-ze-shən

Definition of POSSESSION for Kids

1: the condition of having or owning something <The pen is in my possession.>

2: something that is held by someone as property <a valuable possession>

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